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SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF OFFICIAL SOVIET ARTICLE ON

U. S. - U. S. S. R. RELATIONS

1. JUNE 15 EL COMERCIO, QUITO'S LEADING MORNING DAILY, CARRIES LONG COMMENTARY " USSR - USA ONE YEAR LATER" SIGNED BY SPARTAK BEGLOV AND DISTRIBUTED HERE BY AGENCIA DE PRENSA NOVOSTY ( APN) AND DELIVERED TO NEWSPAPER BY SOVIET EMBASSY IN QUITO. THIS IS A VERY UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE. APPARENTLY AN EXCLUSIVE ITEM; WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT PRINTED BY ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER IN THE COUNTRY.

2. BLOCK QUOTES OF THE ALMOST TWO- COLUMN- LONG ARTICLE FOLLOW:

3. " THE RANK AND FILE OF THE SOVIET CITIZENS AND IN GENERAL ALL THE SOCIAL GROUPINGS IN THE USSR CONSIDER THE APPROACH- ING VISIT OF LEONID BREZHNEV TO WASHINGTON AS A SYMPTOM THAT THE USSR AND THE USA ARE READY TO MARCH ON THE ROAD THEY STARTED ON A YEAR AGO. THIS DECISION HAS NOT COME ABOUT AS THE RESULT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MOMENT.

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SOVIET CITIZENS SEE IT THE EXPRESSION OF A PRESSING HISTORICAL NECESSITY THAT RESPONDS COMPLETELY TO THE BASIC INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLES. THE PRESENT GENERATION OF BOTH SOVIET AND AMERICAN YOUTH, MADE THE WISER BY THE EXPERIENCE AND THE TEACHINGS OF THE LAST THIRD OF A CENTURY-- WHICH HAS BEEN MOST UNSTABLE AND DIFFICULT-- HAS ALL THE POSSIBILITIES AND ONE COULD SAY ATTRIBUTES TO FOSTER AND COLLECT THE FRUITS OF THE WISE RESOLUTIONS, ADOPTED IN MAY 1972, TO THE BENEFIT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE ENTIRE WORLD."

4. " THE CONVERSATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE A YEAR AGO IN MOSCOW BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE SOVIET LEADERS STARTED A RE- STRUCTURING PROCESS IN SOVIET- AMERICAN RELATIONS THAT GAVE THESE RELATIONS A BASIS OF WELL DEFINED PRINCIPLES, AGREEMENTS AND ' CONCRETE MATERIAL' THAT HAVE LED TO TANGIBLE RESULTS."

5. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO REFER TO THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED IN MOSCOW AND SAYS:

6. " FROM ALL THIS CAME THE MUTUAL OBLIGATION TO PREVENT ARMED CONFLICTS AND ANY OTHER SITUATION THAT MIGHT AFFECT THEIR RELATIONS. ASIDE FROM ABANDONING THE USE OF FORCE OR THE THREAT TO USE IT, THIS RE- STRUCTURING CALLS FOR A CLEAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY FOR BOTH PARTIES."

7. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO STRESS SOVIET INTEREST IN EXPANDING TRADE WITH THE U. S. AND ADDS THAT THE SPEED WITH WHICH COMMERCIAL RELATIONS ARE NORMALIZED DEPENDS ON " OVERCOMING THE RESISTANCE OF THOSE WHO STILL ARE AGAINST MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS" FOR THE SOVIET UNION. THE ARTICLE SUMMARIZES THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BY SAYING THAT IT OFFERS " ENORMOUS POSSIBILITIES" FOR THE SOLUTION OF BILATERAL AND WORLD PROBLEMS.

8. IN CLOSING THE ARTICLE STATES THAT " IN THE SOVIET UNION THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE U. S. OF CP SEC GEN BREZHNEV IS CONSIDERED AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TOTAL REALIZATION OF A PROGRAM OF PEACE."

9. FULL TEXT OF THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN SENT BY AIR TO USIA ( ILA MR. ESTES).  
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